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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Nicholas C. Pachol |
| HIROSHI OOMURA |) | |
| | : | Art Unit: 2625 |
| Application No.: 10/599,653 |) | |
| | : | Conf. No.: 2339 |
| Filed: October 4, 2006 |) | |
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| For: NETWORK DEVICE |) | |
| MANAGEMENT APPARATUS | : | |
| AND ITS CONTROL METHOD, |) | |
| COMPUTER PROGRAM AND | : | |
| COMPUTER-READABLE |) | |
| STORAGE MEDIUM | : | April 26, 2010 |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to further examination, and subsequent to entry of the Amendment

After Final Action dated March 24, 2010, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The change to the claims are reflected on the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 9.